

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esquire One c. s. j. hundred Pounds.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Charges against Vincent Trapnell and others.]

C. S. C.

In Committee, Baltimore Nov. 18th 1776.

Gentlemen. The inclosed papers contain matters which to us appear alarming and interesting at this critical juncture. We have therefore sent them to you for your directions how we are to proceed thereon. Mr Bosley one of the Deponents was appointed by this Committee a collector of the fines from non-enrollers, and was in the execution of his duty when assaulted in the manner related. We are sorry to inform you that the spirit of violence and opposition to the measures which have been adopted for our common safety, grows extremely daring and outrageous in this county, so that the officers appointed to carry into execution the Resolves of convention dare not proceed without farther assistance: And the militia threaten to lay down their arms unless the fines of non-enrollers who daily insult them are strictly collected. Some speedy and vigorous measures are necessary to preserve union among the People, and effectually to destroy the rising hopes of internal enemies. This committee have done every thing that they conceived themselves impowered to do in such matters, conducting their determinations with all the lenity that the case would admit of, but this has failed to produce the desired effect. You will please to inform us what farther steps we are to take to inforce the resolves of convention.

The deserters which Justice Smith refused to commit we have ordered to Prison, in which we conceive ourselves justifiable from the necessity of the case, having only two magistrates in Town to act on any occasion and those notoriously inimical to our common cause.

The Honble. the Council of Safety
Annapolis

By Order
Sam^l Purviance Jr.

[James Bosley's Statement.]

Thursday last 14th of this month as I was executing my office according to orders from our Honourable Committee, at Vincent Traplins proceed'd thus, rode up a large wagon rode through his plantation, as I received directions from his neighbour M^{rs} Sheals, as soon as I came within a small distance of him, as he was at work looking up towards me, he swore he would blow my brains out and quickly stept to his